



Weekly Update from First – December 07, 2023

Join us for

Worship



AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Sunday
December
10th

9:30 am

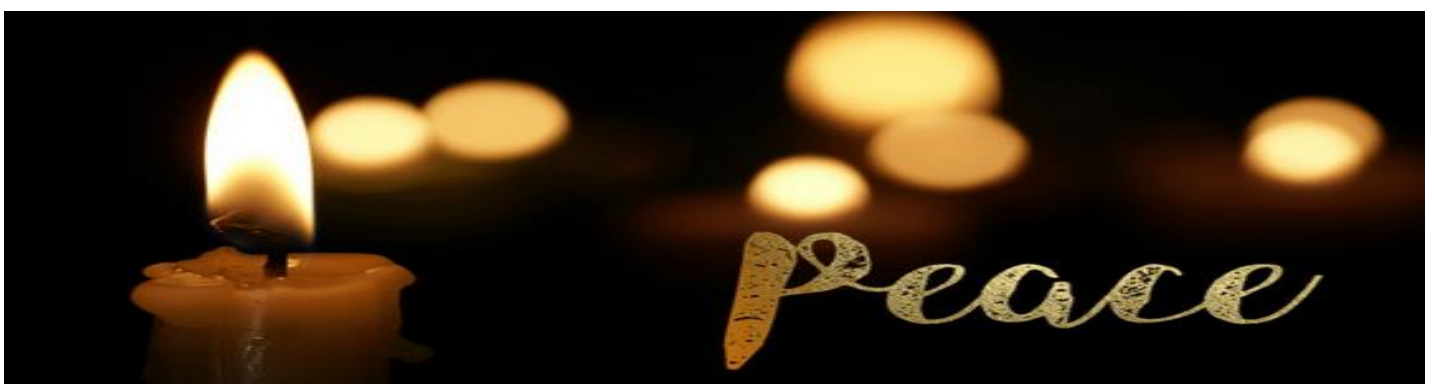
Rev. Paul will lead worship.

Richard Auckland
will be the Lay Leader.

The band will lead music!

Scripture: Luke 1:26-45

ALL ARE WELCOME



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OUR
Holiday Market
CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 10TH
FOLLOWING WORSHIP FROM
10:30AM TO NOON IN THE LIBRARY
GIFTS DECOR BAKERY SILENT AUCTION
INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!!

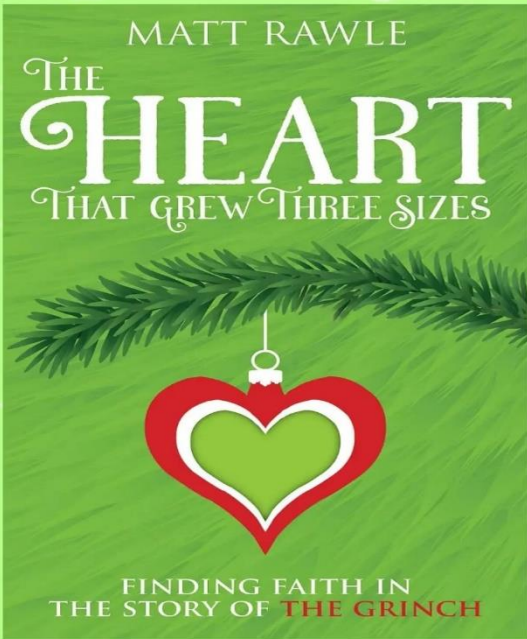
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CHRISTMAS EVE
PAGEANT COSTUMES
will be available on Sundays,
December 10th & 17th
in the Music Room
Join us for Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 24th at 7:30pm

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Advent Book Study

Wednesdays

AT CENTRAL: 1pm in the Fellowship Hall
(Led by Kathryn Fletcher)

AT FIRST: 7pm in the Fellowship Room
(Led by Mike Hardman)

For more information contact:

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OR

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Wednesdays
7:00-8:15pm
in the Gym at First

YOUTH

group

For Youth in Grades 6-12!

ALL YOUTH WELCOME!

Leaders: Chris Ross & Teah Welch

First & Central United Churches
Communities of Kindness

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**The First Church
Worship Band**

meets Thursday
Evenings at 7:30pm.
New Members welcome!

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Looking Ahead... Year End Giving

**Lori will be on holidays
from Friday, December 15th
to Monday, January 8th inclusive.**

If you would like to make a donation for the 2023 year:

- See Lori in the Office before December 15th
- place it through the Curtis Street mail slot
- slip it under the Office Door when you are at Church
- mail it to the Church – Attention: Lori Hoffman
- You may also come in on Tuesday, January 9th to make a final donation.

**The final deposit for 2023 will be made at 3pm on Tuesday, January 9th.
Donations received after this time will be credited to your 2024 Givings.**

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Spread the Word!

Come See the Grinch!

December

17th

9:30am at First

11am at Central

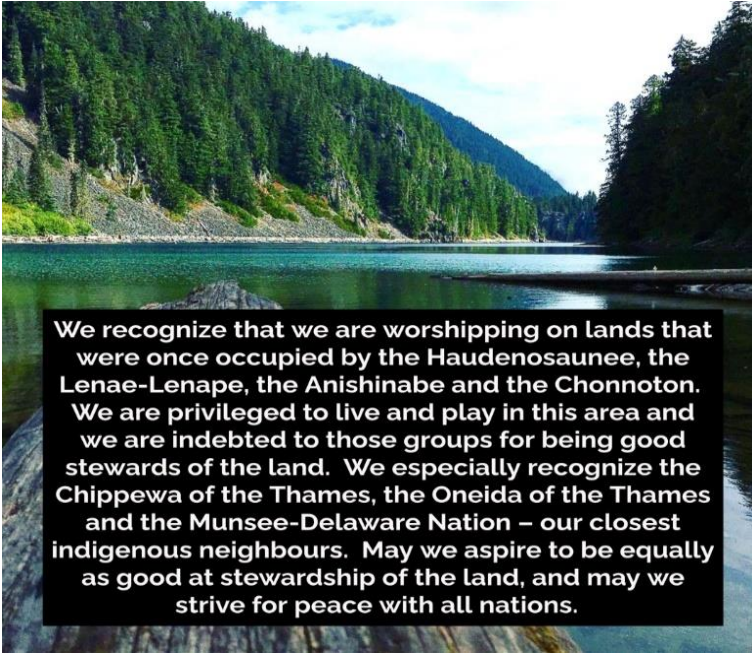


Advent 3 – JOY Sunday!!

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We recognize that we are worshipping on lands that were once occupied by the Haudenosaunee, the Lenae-Lenape, the Anishinabe and the Chonnoton. We are privileged to live and play in this area and we are indebted to those groups for being good stewards of the land. We especially recognize the Chippewa of the Thames, the Oneida of the Thames and the Munsee-Delaware Nation – our closest indigenous neighbours. May we aspire to be equally as good at stewardship of the land, and may we strive for peace with all nations.



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**Central United Church
Presents Christmas Music
by the Senior Choir and
Guest Musicians directed
by Phil Hallman**

*Carols by
Candlelight*



Sunday, December 17, 7:00 pm

135 Wellington Street, St Thomas

Freewill Donation

All donations to the

Anita May Music & Mental Health Foundation

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You are invited to join us for our
CHRISTMAS EVE
Worship Service

Sunday,
December
24th

Service
starts at
7:30pm



First United Church

7 Curtis Street, St Thomas

Check out our other upcoming events on our website:
www.1stunitedchurch.ca

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Christmas MOVIE NIGHT

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH,
CENTRAL UNITED IS HOSTING
AN INTERGENERATIONAL MOVIE
NIGHT STARTING AT 6:30 PM.



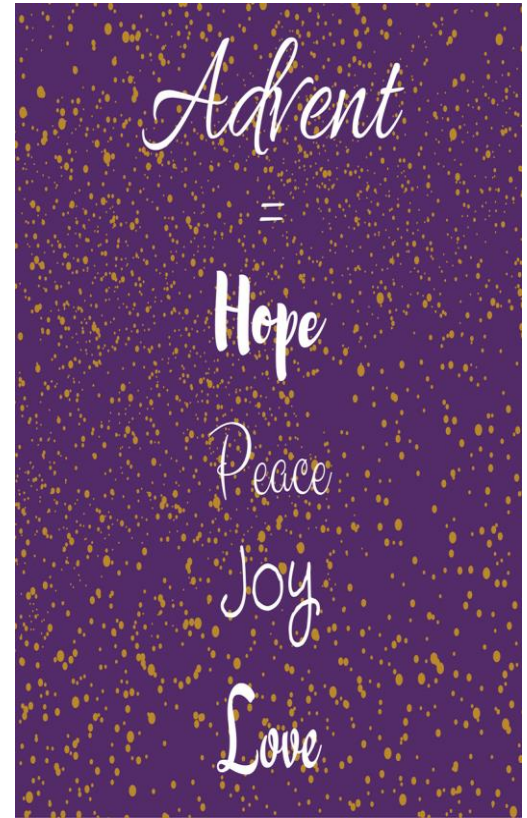
BRING A FRIEND AND ENJOY
THIS FUN MOVIE. PAJAMAS
AND PILLOWS ENCOURAGED



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SAVE YOUR POP TABS



First Church Friends!
Please save your POP TABS to help a little girl named McKenna ("Smiley"), who has cerebral palsy, get a new wheelchair!
There is a container in the Fellowship (Coffee) Room to collect your donations.

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REMINDER!!

Church
VISITORS

If you are visiting the Church during the week (school days from 8am to 3:30pm – this does NOT include weekends, please enter as normal on Sundays for Church) please enter via the driveway off of St. George Street and park in the parking lot to the right.

If you have accessibility concerns, please call the office before you come and we'll make arrangements for you to get as close to the back door as possible.

THANK YOU!!!!

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Fairness

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of First United Church!
Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!!




If you have anything you'd like included in the Weekly Update/Sunday Slides, please have it in to Lori in the Church office

BY WEDNESDAY at NOON!

THANK YOU!!!

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